Last Check for Weather Eye

Before being launched into space, 21½-pound U.S. satellite receives a check-over by a technician of U.S. Army Signal Research and Development laboratory.

Criticism Puzzles Sea Hunter

Sea lion hunter and fishing guide Jim Creed, 21, of Brentwood "just can't understand what gets into some people."

He wants to know why people are attacking him for the "sordid killing" of a bull sea lion this week in Saanich Inlet.

"I don't see what was sordid about killing something which is such a menace to the fishing industry here," he said last night.

The young sportsman said he had received a phone call from the West Coast Trollers and Gillnetters Association, congratulating him for killing the sea lion with seven shots from his rifle.

"They said they were glad I did because sea lions do thousands of dollars of damage every year to their nets and trolling lines."

Young Creed has been criticized by the SPCA, biologists, members of the Natural History Society and private citizens.

He displayed a letter he received yesterday, one of several, which said:

"Congratulations. It is evidently a wonderful feeling, judging by the expression on your face, having killed a defenceless creature and his mate alone . . . Men become so brave when they have a rifle and only one defenceless animal to kill."

Mr. Creed said he just couldn't understand people who wrote such letters. "They apparently think more of animals than they do of human beings.

"I'd just like to get people like that out in my boat like the time the killer whale came up right under it.

"After fishermen had told us about how it was frightening their wives and families, I went to Don Keirs of the provincial fish and game department for advice, and he told me I could shoot it if I used care and common sense, which I did."

The fishing guide said the sea-lion won't be wasted. "The hide will make a rug; the head a trophy, and the meat is going to a mink farm."

He said shooting of sea-lions is not uncommon. "Whenever complaints grow numerous, federal fisheries department marksmen go to the rookeries and try to kill all they can."

Mr. Creed said "I think I'm a good sportsman. Two years ago I was awarded a sportsmanship trophy as a basketball player, and although I do a lot of hunting, I've never had a warning or a fine."

Parking Bylaw Issue

Give the Facts, Smith Told

If J. Donald Smith, MLA, knows of persons who voted on Victoria's parking and downtown improvement bylaw when ineligible to do so, he should bring the facts to the city so the city can consider taking action against them, Ald. M. H. Mooney said yesterday.

And if Mr. Smith knows of some and hasn't reported their names to the city, Ald. Mooney said, "then he is as guilty as those who committed wrong."

Mr. Smith claimed Wednesday night the bylaw would not have passed except for "ineligible ballots" cast, and said he knew of "many people who were mistakenly given ballots they had no right to."

"If anyone ineligible voted, how does he know how they voted?" asked Ald. Austin Curtis yesterday. "If this bylaw could be challenged on that basis, every bylaw could be challenged in the same way."

Mr. Smith also said the city had refused "my request to have the ballots examined," announced that he would demand a public inquiry of the inspector of municipalities at 11 a.m. Monday, and said he was going to demand at a city council meeting yesterday that the bylaw be returned to the voters.

No city council meeting was scheduled for, nor held, yesterday, so the last statement resulted in nothing but a rash of early phone calls at city hall and an assurance from Acting Mayor Arthur Dowell that Mr. Smith would be welcome at a council meeting—"As far as the city is concerned we have not a solitary thing to hide."

Anxieties Needless

George Gregory, MLA, told city council in a letter yesterday not to worry about a bill to be introduced by a CCF member calling for minimum of three weeks' holiday for workers after five years' service. Council had asked Victoria members to oppose the bill.

"The fate that meets bills introduced by the opposition members is a dismal one," Mr. Gregory wrote.

Musician To Talk On Travel

Noted pianist Boris Roubakine will appear in a different role tonight at 8.30 in Oak Bay junior high school when he gives a talk entitled "The Mountains Speak" illustrated with his own slides taken in Switzerland.

Mr. Roubakine is an instructor and examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. He has been conducting examinations and classes for the conservatory in Victoria.

Last year, Mr. Roubakine was guest soloist at the Victoria Symphony "Pops" concert.

Tonight's lecture is sponsored by the Conservatory Alumni Association. All proceeds will go to scholarships given by the association at the Music Festival.

Mr. Roubakine found good work being done here by pupils and teachers alike in every grade. Of the violinists examined, he said: "I was very glad to find them. Canada needs them."

$26,700 for Schools

Gulf Ratepayers Approve Bylaw

GANGES—Gulf Islands taxpayers in School District 64 last night passed by a narrow margin a $26,700 school improvement referendum.

The vote was 256 in favor to 147 against for a 63 per cent favorable majority. A minimum 60 per cent majority was required.

Board of District 64, covering Salt Spring, Pender, Galiano, Saturna and Mayne Island, recently submitted a $216,595 budget for 1959 to the education department for approval. The proposed outlay is $18,355 more than last year, but a $9,160 surplus from 1958 will be carried over to this year.

Trustees said an 18 per cent boost in teachers', janitors' and bus drivers' pay contributed to the anticipated increased requirements this year as well as a general increase in cost of school supplies.

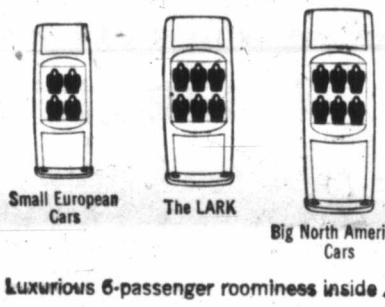
Also provided for is an increase from $20 to $25 a month board allowance for students who must leave their homes on Saturna, Pender, Galiano and Mayne to attend high school here.

At its last meeting the board also endorsed a brief submitted by Saturna Island trustees for presentation to the Chant commission on education. It recommends amendment to the Public Schools Act to provide a greater degree of supervision over teachers in one-room schools.

Island Area Eliminates Brucellosis

Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands have been declared free of brucellosis — dread disease of cattle, Agriculture Minister Newton Steacy announced yesterday.

He said this makes four areas in the province now certified free of brucellosis, the others being Pemberton-Sechelt, McBride and West Kootenay.



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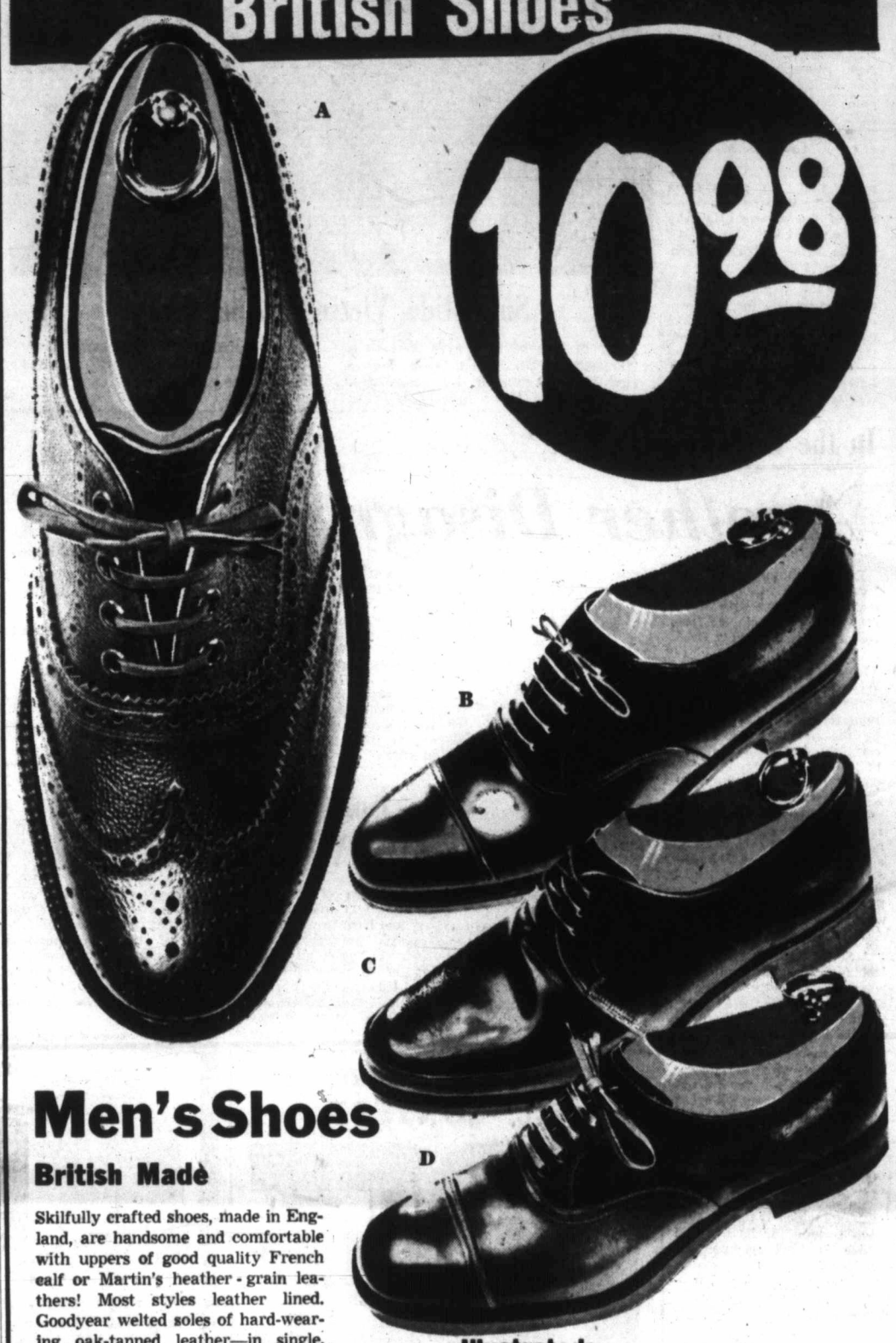

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